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The Japanese colonization policy had literally denied Chinese children in Korea the right to have an adequate education. Prior to the liberation, there were only about 30 schools in Korea capable of accommodating, at the most, 1,000 Chinese children. This picture has now been changed. Today there are 6,000 Chinese children in 87 different schools in North Korea. This figure does not include a number of high schools established recently for Chinese residents through the North Korea People's Committee.

Although educational opportunity for Chinese children has been substantially increased, nevertheless, the material foundation and teachertraining programs still remain critical. In this connection the Northeast Administrative Committee of China and the Association of Chinese residents in North Korea requested the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to take some measures to improve educational situation of the Chinese in North Korea. In compliance with this request the Cabinet of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea has decided the following:

- 1. Effective 1 April 1949, the administration of all Chinese schools in North Korea shall be detached from the Association of Chinese residents and entrusted in the hands of the Ministry of Education of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.
- 2. The responsibility of safeguarding Chinese school buildings and equipment in P'yongyang City and Sinuiju until the end of July 1949 is in the hands of the Minister of Education, P'yongyang People's Committee, P'yongan Pukto People's Committee, and Chogang-do People's Committee.
- 3. To bring about more efficient administration of the Chinese educational system in North Korea, a permanent staff of five will be appointed in the Bureau of Elementary Education in the Ministry of Education. The sole function of this staff will be to supervise Chinese schools. In addition, every province in North Korea shall appoint a full time educational

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inspector for Chinese schools (Kangwon-do shall be under the jurisdiction of Hamgyong Namdo). Moreover, a special editorial staff of five shall be attached to the Bureau of Textbooks in the Ministry of Education in order to provide adequate textbooks for Chinese schools in North Korea.

- 4. To insure the supply of Chinese teachers, a special teacher-training program shall be incorporated in all Chinese high schools in North Korea; furthermore, a special teacher re-education program must be begun immediately so that the program may be completed by August 1949. The Minister of Education is hereby directed to carry out this provision without fail.
- 5. The Minister of Education is responsible for all matters pertaining to the curriculum, and for the compilation and publication of necessary text-books for all Chinese elementary and high schools in North Korea.
- 6. The Chairman of the National Planning Committee, Minister of Education, Minister of Commerce, Minister of Finance, and the Chairman of the Ration Board must ensure that all Chinese teachers in North Korea shall be treated equally as well as Korean teachers in respect to salary, daily rations, daily necessities and other essential goods.
- 7. The Minister of Finance shall be responsible for preparing a special section in the National budget for the administration of Chinese schools in North Korea; furthermore, he is authorized either to reduce or increase the budget item on Chinese education.

For the Cabinet of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Kim Ch'aek, Vice Premier Nam Il, Vice Minister of Education

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